

By Senator Diaz

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 2020 as "A Safe Haven for Newborns Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, tragic cases of infant abandonment remain a reality in this state and across the nation, and

WHEREAS, a society in which children are born to parents who lack the capability and resources to nurture them must find ways to protect and provide shelter for such newborn children until a home can be found for them, and

WHEREAS, A Safe Haven for Newborns provides a safe and legal solution to the quandary facing the parents of such children, saving the lives of infants otherwise in danger of abandonment and protecting their biological parents from a lifetime of guilt, anguish, and irremediable regret, and

WHEREAS, A Safe Haven for Newborns helps to fulfill the dreams of many families in this state who are prepared to raise children and who are waiting and hoping to adopt, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the counseling and support that A Safe Haven for Newborns provides to biological parents, many of whom are young and unprepared and in extreme crisis, the organization also works with a variety of professionals to address the underlying conditions that otherwise could have ended in tragedy, and

WHEREAS, in creating A Safe Haven for Newborns, the Miami-based Gloria M. Silverio Foundation has performed a magnificent service to this state and has provided vital leadership for others who seek to avert the tragedy of infant abandonment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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33 That February 2020 is recognized as "A Safe Haven for
34 Newborns Month" in Florida.